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Water Conservation Becomes a Necessity

Did you know that the average Georgian uses 168 gallons of water each day? Residents of our state use an average of 10 gallons more water per person each day than the rest of the country.

So, why does that present a problem? Because eventually, our supply will no longer meet our demand.

This situation has come about largely because of population growth. The population of Georgia has doubled in the last 40 years, and continues to increase. Yet the amount of water available has remained the same. We still depend on the same water sources that supply the same amount of water that they always have.

Population growth in other areas has compounded the problem. Georgia, Alabama and Florida continue to negotiate limits on the amount of water that Georgia withdraws from various water basins. Alabama and Florida claim that Georgia already withdraws too much water from shared river basins, which limits the water supply that they can provide to their communities. Top political observers

also say that Georgia's water supply could become the top issue when the state legislature convenes in 2008.

In the meantime, everyone can play a role in water source protection. Water conservation represents an important way of protecting our water supply. You can implement the concept of conservation into many aspects of your everyday life. It will take everyone working together to ensure we have a safe and adequate water supply.

Here are a few easy ways you can help:

- Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth — save 5 gallons of water.
- Take a shower instead of a bath — save 20 gallons of water.
- Fix leaking toilet — save 90 gallons of water per day.
- Use a hose nozzle when washing your car — save 150 gallons of water.
- Obey the State of Georgia Outdoor Water Mandate

For more tips on conserving water, please visit www.mariettaga.gov/departments/utilities/water/conservation.aspx. ⚡

**ELECTRIC
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Take Action Now to Keep Electric Bills Under Control This Summer

When the long hot days of summer finally arrive you will begin to see the cost of cooling reflected in your electricity bill.

To keep your electric bills from getting out of hand when thermometers start to rise:

Clear Up

Remove leaves and weeds around outdoor air conditioning units. Trim bushes back at least two feet on all sides and six feet above so that air can flow freely through the unit.

Change Up

Replace your air filter early in the cooling season and every two to three months throughout the season.

Set Up

Set your thermostat at 76 - 78 degrees. Every degree colder increases air conditioning energy use by 3 - 5 percent.

Match Up

Adjust your thermostat according to your needs. Set the thermostat up several degrees if no one will be home for an hour or more. Install a programmable thermostat to set your unoccupied home's temperature higher. Turn off window air conditioners in rooms that are not being used.

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Check Up

Check the accuracy of your thermostat with an accurate thermometer. Have it calibrated if necessary.

Close Up

Keep windows and doors closed.

Charge Up

Do a rough check on the refrigerant charge on your central air conditioner by putting your hand on the larger of the two copper pipes coming out of the unit (the insulated one). The bare copper should feel cold after the unit has run 10 - 15 minutes. If not, you probably need to have the unit serviced.

Grow Up

Plant leafy deciduous trees like oaks and maple on the west, east, and south sides of the house. The shade they give can cut cooling costs dramatically.

For more money-saving tips, please visit www.mariettapower.com. ⚡



Calendar of Events

Wednesday, July 4

Freedom Parade and Fourth in The Park Festival

Glover Park in Marietta Square
10 a.m.

Free



Celebrate July 4th by starting the day with the Marietta Freedom Parade. The parade starts at Roswell Street Baptist Church and ends at the Cobb County

Police Station. The fun continues at the Festival on the Square culminating with a concert and fireworks. Call (770) 794-5601 for information.

Friday, July 27

Glover Park Concert Series

Glover Park in Marietta Square
8 to 10 p.m.

The Glover Park Concert Series is "the" place to be in Marietta the last Friday evening of each month April through August. The park is the perfect setting for families and friends to enjoy a picnic and listen to music under the stars! Call (770) 794-5601 for information.



2007 Series Performers

June 29

Ricochet, Nashville Recording
Artist/Country

June 30

Cobb Symphony Orchestra, Pops



July 27

The Grapevine, Oldies/Beach
August 24

The Neons, 70s/80s/Classics

Saturday, July 14

Family Fishing And Fun

Laurel Park in Marietta
7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Free

Enjoy a morning of bank fishing with the whole family. Bring your own bait, gear and folding chairs. Fishing, hot dog lunch and prizes. Call (770) 794-5601 for information.



Concerts are rain or shine. Blankets and lawn chairs may be set up after 4 p.m. No personal tables are permitted in the park. A limited number of tables are available for rent on the first working day of the month for that concert. Tables for six are \$45 and tables for eight are \$55. The free concerts are presented by Marietta Parks and Recreation Department and the Downtown Marietta Development Authority.

Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 in honor of Independence Day.

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